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In re Application of: Axel Frohwein)	Examiner:	Michalsky, G.
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Serial No.: 10/651,077)	Art Unit:	3753
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Filed: August 27, 2003)	Our Customer ID:	22827
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Confirmation No.: 7269)	Our Account No.	04-1403
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Title: "Weldring with Locking Arrangement for Valve Assembly"))
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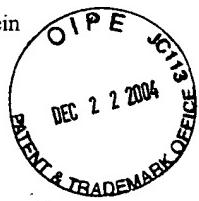
RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, Applicant hereby responds as follows and respectfully requests consideration of the remarks herein.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	minus	=	X \$50 = \$.00
Independent Claims	minus	=	x \$200 = \$.00
If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application) \$.00			
Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of _____, PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$120; 2 months \$450; 3 months \$1020; 4 months \$1590, 5 months \$2,160) \$.00			
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